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TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF AUGUST PARTICIPATION IN ALL DOMESTIC DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS

Region	Food Stamp Program		Direct Distribution:	School Lunch
			Program	Program
	Participation	Blue Stamp Issuance	Participation	Participation
West	298,599	\$ 929,759.50	28,165	32,223
Midwest	702,769	2,138,249.25	420,874	39,982
Northeast	654,906	2,226,290.50	454,150	150,940
South	613,603	1,966,208.00	1,072,378	148,655
Caribbean	4,479	8,553.50	462,534	85,864
Totals	2,474,381	\$7,269,060.75	2,438,101	457,664

SUMMARY

In August, 4.9 million persons in family groups, including 472,000 persons in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Hawaii, participated in AMA food programs; 679,000 children participated in School Lunch and Summer Camp Programs. Food distributed: 136.3 million pounds valued at 10.5 million dollars.

1. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM. Participation: 2.5 million persons. Issuance: orange stamps, 13.3 million dollars; blue stamps, 7.3 million dollars; per capita blue stamp issuance, \$2.94. Food purchased with blue stamps, 100.5 million pounds.
2. DIRECT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM. Participation: 2.4 million persons in family groups; 416,000 persons in institutions and special groups. Food distributed: 32.1 million pounds valued at 2.8 million dollars.
3. SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM. Participation: 458,000 children in 5,800 schools. Foods distributed: 3.7 million pounds valued at \$462,000. Participation in children's camps and recreational projects, 221,000 children in 1,600 projects. Food distributed: 1.8 million pounds.
4. SCHOOL MILK PROGRAM (Summer programs). Estimated number of participants: 56,000 children in 81 areas.

The Food Stamp Program

EXTENT. The Food Stamp Program was in operation in 1,471 counties and 88 city areas in August, including 26 counties opened during the month. 81 million persons, 61.7 per cent of the total United States population, live in operating areas. Of 3,830,000 eligible persons, 2,474,000 or 65 per cent, participated. This was a decline of 128,000 persons from the total participating in July.

STAMP ISSUANCE. Of \$7,269,000 in blue stamp issuance, \$406,000 less than in July, the West received 13 per cent; the Midwest, 29 per cent; the Northeast, 31 per cent; and the South, 27 per cent.

This decline in participation and blue stamp issuance continues the steady downward trend of the last five months. Participation has dropped 1.1 million persons, or 31 per cent since the February peak in participation, and blue stamp issuance has dropped 2.5 million dollars or 26 per cent since the March peak in issuance. Recertification of caseloads, the war and war production, and seasonal factors account for these reductions.

The August decline in blue stamp issuance was greatest in the Midwest, \$149,000; in the Northeast, \$138,000; in the South, \$70,000; and in the West, \$50,000.

The average per capita blue stamp issuance was \$2.94 in August, one cent less than in July. Orange stamp issuance in August: 13.3 million dollars, \$5.38 per capita, a decline of \$792,000 from July. "Free blue" issuance: 48,900 to 7,400 persons, \$1.20 per capita, a decline of \$1,500 and 1,400 persons from July.

BLUE STAMP PURCHASES. August purchases in the continental United States: 100.5 million pounds, valued at 7.3 million dollars. The percentage of blue stamp money spent for commodities changed only slightly from July. Butter was 17.5 per cent of the total, eggs 20.7 per cent, cereals 16.4 per cent, vegetables 28.8 per cent, and fruit 16.7 per cent.

Blue stamp money expended during the month decreased 4 per cent from July, total quantity of food purchased decreased 5 per cent.

BLUE STAMPS ISSUED TO EDUCATIONAL AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS. Issuance of blue stamps to Educational and Demonstration Projects was reported by two regions in August. The West issued \$243 to such projects, the South \$965, a total of \$1,208 for the month.

TABLE 2. NUMBER OF PERSONS CERTIFIED AND PARTICIPATING IN THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM AND VALUE OF BLUE STAMPS ISSUED, BY STATES, AUGUST 1942

Region and State	Total Persons			Value of Blue Stamps Issued		
	Certified	Participating	Percent of	This Month	Cumulative	Average Per Person
			Certified Participating		This Fiscal Year	
	1	2	3	4	5	6
TOTAL	3,829,908	2,474,381	65	\$7,269,060.75	\$14,944,573.25	\$2.94
WESTERN REGION	569,099	298,599	52	929,759.50	1,910,120.00	3.11
Arizona	31,217	20,037	64	54,963.50	112,452.50	2.74
California	152,497	84,336	55	292,288.00	600,213.00	3.47
Colorado	60,480	31,653	52	91,345.00	185,750.00	2.89
Idaho	42,608	15,841	37	40,367.00	84,917.50	2.55
Montana	38,674	20,976	54	56,864.00	116,398.00	2.71
Nevada	3,496	1,322	38	4,113.50	8,505.00	3.11
New Mexico	58,632	25,610	44	54,296.50	114,343.50	2.12
Oregon	42,809	22,207	52	71,694.00	147,104.00	3.23
Utah	36,374	18,094	50	53,743.00	112,379.00	2.97
Washington	93,740	53,426	57	196,547.00	400,186.00	3.68
Wyoming	8,572	5,097	59	13,538.00	27,871.50	2.66
MIDWESTERN REGION	1,068,321	702,789	66	2,138,249.25	4,425,128.75	3.04
Illinois	131,444	104,275	79	381,050.25	781,800.25	3.65
Indiana	22,607	13,307	59	38,140.50	79,397.50	2.87
Iowa	75,967	53,555	70	146,436.50	317,308.50	2.73
Kansas	95,090	55,091	58	157,273.50	314,431.00	2.85
Michigan	171,970	97,646	57	297,665.50	623,041.50	3.05
Minnesota	159,268	106,510	67	326,632.50	670,832.50	3.07
Missouri	92,703	55,654	60	147,282.00	306,190.00	2.64
Nebraska	43,091	37,146	86	105,190.00	218,195.50	2.83
North Dakota	29,753	22,168	74	54,895.00	122,253.50	2.48
Ohio	142,053	97,205	68	297,555.50	603,152.50	3.06
South Dakota	35,640	20,620	58	56,597.00	122,944.50	2.74
Wisconsin	62,801	34,902	56	116,139.50	238,440.00	3.33
Kentucky (2 counties)	5,934	4,670	79	13,391.50	27,141.50	2.87
NORTHEASTERN REGION	1,133,113	654,908	58	2,226,290.50	4,590,318.00	3.40
Connecticut	7,624	5,302	70	18,655.00	41,205.50	3.52
Delaware	3,166	1,678	53	4,883.50	10,505.50	2.91
Maine	56,367	36,020	64	66,840.50	152,299.00	1.86
Maryland	27,242	6,307	23	19,591.00	39,861.50	3.11
Massachusetts	143,030	69,607	49	237,873.50	496,320.00	3.42
New Hampshire	14,299	10,722	75	36,433.00	72,866.00	3.40
New Jersey	36,933	26,795	73	94,705.50	197,392.00	3.53
New York	516,574	380,499	74	1,395,939.50	2,898,325.50	3.67
Pennsylvania	305,646	105,497	34	309,363.00	590,983.00	2.93
Rhode Island	19,267	10,479	54	36,233.00	79,132.50	3.46
Vermont	2,965	2,002	68	5,773.00	11,427.50	2.88
SOUTHERN REGION	1,051,988	813,606	77	1,966,208.00	4,002,005.50	2.42
Alabama	31,134	23,266	75	50,611.00	103,659.00	2.18
Arkansas	91,240	64,226	70	164,994.50	340,978.00	2.57
Florida	76,485	56,378	74	155,941.00	317,302.50	2.77
Georgia	47,332	34,753	73	86,087.00	171,965.00	2.48
Kentucky	30,416	24,283	80	61,272.00	124,187.00	2.52
Louisiana	88,776	76,362	86	163,130.50	334,344.00	2.14
Mississippi	91,948	75,804	82	144,251.50	289,804.00	1.90
North Carolina	55,729	43,732	78	96,961.00	196,406.00	2.22
Oklahoma	128,194	108,268	84	260,402.50	519,667.50	2.41
South Carolina	18,260	13,228	72	28,949.00	60,904.00	2.19
Tennessee	58,859	47,511	81	118,724.00	240,758.50	2.50
Texas	321,545	235,815	73	610,673.00	1,252,893.00	2.59
Virginia	12,070	9,980	83	24,211.00	49,137.00	2.43
VIRGIN ISLANDS	7,387	4,479	61	8,553.50	17,001.00	1.90

/1 July figures.

TABLE 3. ESTIMATED VALUE, DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENDITURES, AND QUANTITY OF COMMODITIES
PURCHASED WITH BLUE STAMPS IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES
BY REGIONS, DURING AUGUST 1942

Commodity	Unit	V A L U E		Percent of:		Q U A N T I T Y / 1				
		Region		Tot..Value:	U. S.	Region				
		West	Midwest			West	Midwest	Northeast	South	South
		-- thousand dollars --				-- thousand units --				
Butter	lb.	1,270	165	368	500	237	17.49	2,762	833	541
Eggs ^{1/2}	doz.	1,499	182	365	676	276	20.65	3,666	948	776
White Flour	lb.	951	119	226	151	455	13.10	21,065	5,185	10,380
Graham Flour	lb.	9	2	3	2	2	.12	169	50	44
Corn Meal	lb.	183	11	42	30	100	2.52	4,854	1,100	2,954
Hominy Grits	lb.	51	1	16	15	19	.70	1,025	272	457
Total Cereals	lb.	1,194	133	287	198	576	16.44	27,113	6,607	13,815
Dry Beans	lb.	322	21	68	86	147	4.44	3,612	682	1,853
Irish Potatoes	lb.	538	83	162	123	170	7.41	16,868	5,614	4,815
Tomatoes	lb.	268	39	104	59	66	3.69	4,717	1,773	1,200
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	78	1	32	7	37	1.07	1,206	434	654
Carrots	lb.	97	13	34	32	18	1.34	2,055	779	307
Lettuce	lb.	148	20	51	44	33	2.04	1,680	574	425
Cabbage	lb.	143	11	46	36	50	1.97	4,560	1,604	1,480
Other Fresh Veg.	lb.	494	79	125	173	117	6.80	9,148	2,064	1,863
Total Vegetables	lb.	2,088	267	623	560	638	28.76	43,846	13,524	12,597
Oranges ^{1/2}	doz.	445	71	161	135	78	6.13	1,694	578	331
Apples	lb.	180	23	73	38	46	2.48	3,837	1,395	1,095
Peaches	lb.	430	69	199	73	89	5.92	7,374	3,401	1,535
Pears	lb.	57	6	21	16	14	.78	1,037	241	506
Plums	lb.	98	14	41	30	13	1.35	1,063	356	150
Total Fruits	lb.	1,210	183	495	292	240	16.66	21,296	8,110	4,842
Total	lb.	7,261	930	2,138	2,226	1,967	100.00	100,516	30,496	32,884

^{1/1} Retail quantities adjusted to include estimated wastage occurring in process of distribution.

^{1/2} Converted to pounds in totals.

Note: Data presented in this report are subject to revision. They have not been adjusted for possible loss or misuse of blue stamps.

Direct Distribution Program

EXTENT. Participation: 2.4 million persons in family groups, including 467,000 persons in Puerto Rico and Hawaii; 54.4 per cent of the participants in the continental United States were in the South; only 1.2 per cent in the West. Participation in August 1941: 5.3 million persons.. Also participating this month: 368,000 persons in 740 institutions and organizations: 48,000 persons in household aid and demonstration projects, NYA resident training camps and others.

FOODS DISTRIBUTED. Quantity: 28.6 million pounds to families, 3.5 million pounds to special groups. Estimated retail value for family and all special groups: 2.8 million dollars. Foods distributed to approximately 50 per cent of the caseload in July (the latest month for which detailed data are available) include evaporated milk, oat or wheat cereal, graham and white flour, corn meal or grits, dry beans and onions.

School Lunch Program

EXTENT. Participation: 458,000 children in 5,800 schools, approximately 1.6 per cent of school enrollment in the United States. In August of last year, 525,000 children in 6,400 schools participated.

In addition to summer feeding programs conducted under the School Lunch Program, 220,000 children in 1,600 children's camps and recreational projects also participated, 6.6 per cent less than in August of last year. A total quantity of 1.8 million pounds of food was distributed to camp projects.

FOODS DISTRIBUTED. 3.7 million pounds of food with an estimated retail value of .5 million dollars were distributed to School Lunch Programs. Foods distributed to 50 per cent or more of the participating children in July were butter, cheese, evaporated milk, flour, oat or wheat cereal, corn grits or meal, dry beans, canned pork and beans, canned tomatoes, and peanut butter.

School Milk Program

Summer School Milk Programs were in operation in 81 areas during August. Estimated participation: 56,000 children.

TABLE 4. PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN A.M.A. DOMESTIC FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS
BY STATE, AUGUST 1942

Region and State	Persons in All Families Receiving A.M.A. Foods				Persons in All Families Receiving A.M.A. Foods Only			Number of
	Total	Direct Distri- bution	Stamp Program		Total	Direct Distri- bution	Stamp Program	Children
			Number	% of Total				Served by
								School Lunch
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
TOTAL	4,912,482	2,438,101	2,474,381	50.4	1,390,932	1,003,663	387,269	457,664
WESTERN REGION	326,764	28,165	298,599	91.4	3,628	3,628	-	32,223
Arizona	24,598	4,561	20,037	81.4	-	-	-	3,876
California	86,472	2,136	84,336	97.5	-	-	-	18,396
Colorado	45,401	13,748	31,653	69.7	3,285	3,285	-	2,271
Idaho	16,390	549	15,841	96.6	-	-	-	258
Montana	22,155	1,179	20,976	94.7	-	-	-	491
Nevada	2,241	919	1,322	59.0	-	-	-	193
New Mexico	25,911	301	25,610	98.8	-	-	-	2,692
Oregon	22,207	-	22,207	100.0	-	-	-	1,435/1
Utah	18,094	-	18,094	100.0	-	-	-	265
Washington	53,426	-	53,426	100.0	-	-	-	1,904
Wyoming	5,097	-	5,097	100.0	-	-	-	251
Hawaii	4,772	4,772	-	-	343	343	-	191
MIDWESTERN REGION	1,118,993	420,674	698,119	62.4	43,844	26,121	17,723	39,982
Illinois	228,297	124,022	104,275	45.7	3,682	3,388	294	8,260
Indiana	81,815	66,500	13,307	16.3	407	407	-	2,515
Iowa	67,594	14,039	53,555	79.2	4,254	3,768	486	2,034
Kansas	62,221	7,130	55,091	88.5	1,437	-	1,437	956
Michigan	137,393	39,747	97,646	71.1	1,988	1,772	216	3,135
Minnesota	106,510	-	106,510	100.0	9,761	-	9,761	1,369
Missouri	111,472	55,778	55,694	50.0	375	15	360	11,478
Nebraska	37,318	172	37,146	99.5	206	172	34	367
North Dakota	23,079	911	22,168	96.0	648	-	648	975
Ohio	166,927	69,722	97,205	58.2	11,556	10,042	1,514	7,228
South Dakota	26,183	5,563	20,620	78.8	130	-	130	609
Wisconsin	70,184	35,282	34,902	49.7	9,400	6,557	2,843	1,056
NORTHEASTERN REGION	1,109,058	464,150	654,908	59.0	117,392	56,202	61,190	150,940
Connecticut	15,394	10,092	5,302	34.4	2,510	1,710	800	4,639
Delaware	3,364	1,686	1,678	49.9	-	-	-	258
Dist. of Col.	14,604	14,604	-	-	2,077	2,077	-	5,881
Maine	36,020	-	36,020	-	18,911	-	18,911	2,420/1
Maryland	6,311	2,004	6,307	75.9	-	-	-	662
Massachusetts	180,777	111,170	69,607	38.5	46,224	34,610	11,414	20,157
New Hampshire	10,722	-	10,722	100.0	2,558	-	2,558	112
New Jersey	81,006	54,291	26,795	33.0	1,285	1,285	-	10,785
New York	446,668	66,369	360,499	80.1	29,066	1,581	27,507	87,605
Pennsylvania	152,512	47,015	105,497	69.2	413	413	-	8,442
Rhode Island	13,159	2,680	10,479	79.6	61	61	-	1,403
Vermont	16,012	16,010	2,002	11.1	10,209	10,209	-	1,707
West Virginia	126,229	126,229	-	-	4,056	4,056	-	6,869
SOUTHERN REGION	1,890,654	1,072,370	818,276/3	43.3	761,308	455,178	306,130/3	148,655
Alabama	63,731	60,465	23,266	27.6	19,238	13,757	5,481	1,688
Arkansas	111,892	47,666	64,226	57.4	44,697	15,050	29,647	2,690
Florida	187,587	191,206	55,978	30.0	119,421	82,183	31,238	12,676
Georgia	170,054	135,901/1	34,753	20.4	76,973	65,402/1	11,491	14,941/1
Kentucky	211,120	182,167	26,953/3	13.7	119,937	111,437	8,500/3	5,251
Louisiana	110,335	33,272	76,362	69.2	3,210	292	2,911	6,251
Mississippi	97,467	21,689	75,804	77.8	57,542	2,688	47,654	1,006
North Carolina	123,035	77,303	43,732	35.5	53,023	32,444	20,579	6,744
Oklahoma	168,266	-	168,266	100.0	4,519	-	4,519	23,550
South Carolina	61,373	60,145	13,226	16.2	4,083	2,830	1,253	16,594
Tennessee	155,057	107,546	47,511	30.6	29,572	21,614	7,958	38,766
Texas	396,066	166,253	235,815	59.5	216,609	82,726	133,883	8,454
Virginia	54,647	44,667	2,280	18.3	11,764	10,768	1,016	2,044
Puerto Rico/2	462,534	462,534	-	-	462,534	462,534	-	85,372
Virgin Islands/2	4,479	-	4,479	100.0	2,226	-	2,226	492

/1 July figures. August figures not available. /2 Not included in Southern Region totals.

/3 Includes 2 counties in Midwestern Region.